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SUBJECT: MOROCCO: UN DEMOCRACY FUND INVITATION FOR GRANT
PROPOSALS

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¶1. (SBU) Polloff discussed reftel fund on April 27 with MFA Director of International Organizations and UN Affairs Nasser Bourita. Bourita expressed interest in the fund and said that it was likely that the GOM would be interested in participating. He said he would review the information and provide a more substantive response next week.

¶2. (SBU) Polcouns followed up with Bourita on May 10. Bourita said he sent the foreign minister a note recommending that Morocco provide a symbolic financial contribution to the fund as a sign of its support for the effort. He understood there were two seats for Africa on the steering committee and said Morocco would probably try to lobby for one of them. He promised to remain in contact as the GOM solidified its ideas on the fund, and to share views on how best to solicit interest in the fund within Moroccan civil society.

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